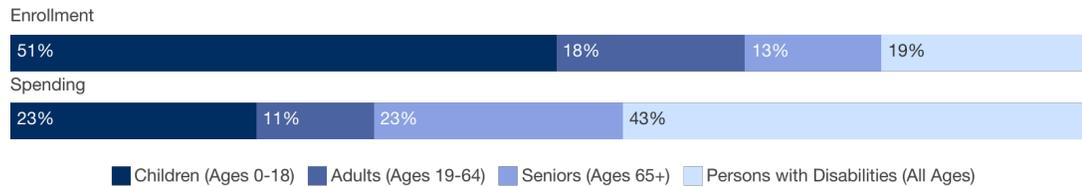


# Medicaid is Vital to Mississippi

Medicaid, or Mississippi Health Benefits, is a public health insurance program designed to help people who otherwise could not afford health coverage.

Medicaid is a state-federal partnership, which means that federal and state funds jointly finance Mississippi Health Benefits

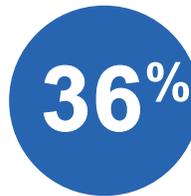
## Medicaid Enrollment and Spending by Eligibility Group



## MISSISSIPPI HEALTH BENEFITS IS VITAL TO MISSISSIPPI'S BUDGET



The federal government contributes **\$3.33** to Medicaid for every **\$1** Mississippi invests.



**36%** of federal funding sent to Mississippi is for Medicaid, which is about \$5.1 billion annually.

## Federal funding for Medicaid is critical to health care in Mississippi



**Medicaid pays for 34% of births in Mississippi**

Helps ensure access to critical prenatal care, maternity care, and postpartum services.



**Medicaid covers 49% of all Mississippi children**

Insures children in low-income families, children with special health care needs, and children in foster care.



**Medicaid pays for the care of 74% of nursing home residents in Mississippi**

Provides critical nursing home and community-based services for seniors and people with disabilities.



**Medicaid covers mental health services in Mississippi**

Nationally, Medicaid is the largest single source of funding for mental health and substance use care.

## FEDERAL MEDICAID CUTS WOULD:

- 1 Do nothing to lower health care costs** or improve quality and access to care.
- 2 Devastate state budgets**, putting other priorities like K-12 funding at risk.
- 3 Undermine financial stability of the health system**, especially rural hospitals and community clinics.
- 4 Jeopardize health coverage** for millions of children and families, seniors, and people with disabilities.



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